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1. IN SPEECH TO YOUTH LEAGUE OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY JULY 9,
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PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU SAID "PEOPLE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF
CYPRUS" WERE WORKING TO "DESTABILIZE" AND UNDERMINE
THE STATE. PRESIDENT WARNED THAT THESE CIRCLES WERE
PROMOTING POLITICAL UNREST AND MIGHT SEEK TO CREATE
ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND LABOR DISORDER AND TO DESTROY
UNITY BETWEEN NICOSIA AND ATHENS. HE CALLED FOR
VIGILANCE AND UNITY IN FACING THIS DANGER.

2. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS JULY 11 GAVE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH MIXED TREATMENT. RIGHT-WING PAPERS WERE GENERALLY CRITICAL, SAYING PRESIDENT'S CHARGES LACKED DOCUMENTATION, AND WERE CONFUSING AND ALARMIST. LEFT-WING PAPERS AGREED WITH PRESIDENT, SAYING THERE WAS A CONTINUING CONSPIRACY AGAINST CYPRUS. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI IDENTIFIED PLOTTERS AS "INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALIST CONSPIRACY."

3. COMMENT. WE DO NOT KNOW BASIS OF KYPRIANOU'S WARNINGS. GOC SPOKESMAN SAID PRESIDENT HAD DRAWN CONCLUSIONS FROM "VARIOUS REPORTS AND INDICATIONS." WE BELIEVE SPEECH MIGHT HAVE BEEN ATTEMPT TO SILENCE OR COUNTER, IN THE NAME OF UNITY, MOUNTING CRITICISM PRESIDENT HAS BEEN RECEIVING FOR HIS HANDLING OF CYPRUS AFFAIRS (REFTEL). KYPRIANOU MAY NOT BE AWARE THAT "DESTABILIZATION" IS WIDELY USED CODEWORD MEANING CIA INTERVENTION, BUT, IN ANY CASE, MOST CYPRIOTS AUTOMATICALLY CONCLUDE THAT REFERENCE TO SUBVERSION MEAN THE UNITED STATES AND ITS NATO ALLIES. END COMMENT.
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